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Claim 2 (thrice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 22, wherein at least some of said legs are pivotable into a horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

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Claim 7 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 22, further comprising:

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further prongs having one leg;

said further prongs and said prongs being alternating disposed on said base wire; and

said two legs of said prongs forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

Claim 8 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 25, further comprising:

further prongs having one leg;

said further prongs and said prongs being alternating disposed on said base wire; and

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said two legs of said prongs forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

Claim 9 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 22, wherein said prongs having at least two legs are L-shaped.

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Claim 16 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 24, wherein said prongs having at least two legs are L-shaped.

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Claim 19 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 17, wherein at least one of said legs forms a stop for retaining hollow dishes in at least one of said horizontal position and said oblique positions.

Claim 20 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 24, further comprising:

further prongs having one leg;

said further prongs and said prongs being alternating disposed on said base wire; and

said two legs of said prongs forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

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Claim 22 (amended). A dish rack for accommodating dishes,
comprising:

a plurality of base wires forming a dish rack base; and

a plurality of prongs each having two legs with two free ends
and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each
of said prongs being connected to a respective one of said
base wires in a vicinity of said intersection, and distal from
said free ends, and at least some of said prongs being
pivotable between different pivot positions about a respective
longitudinal axis of one of said base wires.

Claim 23 (amended). In a household dishwasher, a dish rack
for accommodating dishes, the dish rack comprising:

a plurality of base wires forming a dish rack base; and

a plurality of prongs each having two legs with two free ends
and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each
of said prongs being connected to a respective one of said
base wires in a vicinity of said intersection, and distal from
said free ends, and at least some of said prongs being
pivotable between different pivot positions about a respective
longitudinal axis of one of said base wires.

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Claim 24 (amended). A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

at least one base wire and a plurality of prongs forming a retainer;

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said plurality of prongs each having two legs and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each of said prongs being connected to said base wire in a vicinity of said intersection and distal from said free ends, for securing dishware, and at least some of said prongs being pivotable between different pivot positions about a longitudinal axis of said base wire.

Claim 25 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 22, wherein some of said prongs are pivotable into three functional dish rack positions, including:

a first functional dish rack position in which a first one of said legs is substantially perpendicular to said dish rack base and a second one of said legs is substantially parallel to said dish rack base;

a second functional dish rack position in which said first and second legs enclose acute angles with said dish rack base; and

to a third functional dish rack position in which said first leg is substantially parallel to said dish rack base and said second leg is substantially perpendicular to said dish rack base.